

**REMARKS**

**I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS**

The claims are amended herein. New claims 5-6 are added, and are somewhat similar to claim 1.

Support for the claim amendments and new claims is found, for example, on page 21, lines 16-20, of the specification.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-6 are currently pending.

**II. REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 USC 102(B) AS BEING ANTICIPATED BY SASHIKI, AND UNDER 35 USC 102(B) AS BEING ANTICIPATED BY TATSUOKA**

Claim 1 is amended to clarify that the parameter operation element selects one of at least two different computation techniques to determine the prescribed parameter of each transport element in response to said standard deviation obtained by said operation element. See, for example, on page 21, lines 16-20, of the specification.

Neither Sashiki nor Tatsuoka discloses or suggests this feature.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

**III. CONCLUSION**

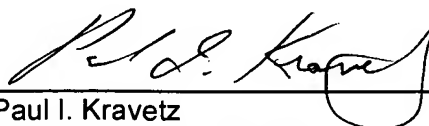
In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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